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Summary

- Prohibits the Department of Medicaid from charging a copayment to a Medicaid recipient if the recipient has a developmental disability or serious mental illness and the recipient's sole source of income is Social Security disability insurance, Supplemental Security Income, or both.

Detailed Analysis

Medicaid copayment requirements

The bill adds an exemption to an existing requirement that the Department of Medicaid institute cost-sharing requirements (such as copayments) for the Medicaid Program. Under the bill, the Department is prohibited from charging a copayment to a Medicaid recipient if both of the following are true:

1. The recipient has a developmental disability or serious mental illness;
2. The recipient's sole source of income is Social Security disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits, or both.¹

A Medicaid recipient who meets the above criteria may present to a Medicaid provider the recipient's Social Security Administration benefit letter as verification of the recipient's exemption from the copayment requirement. If a recipient does so, the Medicaid provider cannot charge the recipient a copayment.²

Existing law, unchanged by the bill, also prohibits the Department from instituting a cost-sharing requirement that (1) disproportionately impacts a chronically ill Medicaid

¹ R.C. 5162.20(A)(2).

² R.C. 5162.20(B).

recipient's ability to obtain medically necessary services or (2) is higher for prescribed, orally administered cancer medications than for intravenous or injectable cancer medications.³

History

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³ R.C. 5162.20(A)(1) and (3); R.C. 5164.09, not in the bill.